

**Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners  
Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
10:00 am  
Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building  
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, and Member David S. Byers. Also present were: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Robert Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett, and Recording Secretary Caitlin Thomas.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Monday, October 2, 2017

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL- PAULA BENNETT**

Commissioners' Assistant Paula Bennett recommended the claims from October 6, 2017 through October 16, 2017, including payroll from October 6, 2017 be approved without exception.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY- STEWART KLINE**

**County Highway Department "On-Call" Policy**

Director Kline presented a policy for the foreman of the county garage. It states that the foreman may use their service vehicles for personal use during on call rotation so they can respond quickly since they are required to respond to those calls.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the policy as presented, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

**Continuation Certificate - Warren County REMC to work in all County Right-of-Way in the amount of \$5,000**

Director Kline presented a Continuation Certification with Warren County REMC in the amount of \$5,000.

- Commissioner Byers. moved to approve the Continuation Certificate as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

## **GRANTS- SHARON HUTCHISON**

### **Youth Services**

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to apply for a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute up to \$60,000. These funds are for the 2017 Title II funds to help cover programming for our youth.

- Commissioner Byers moved to grant permission to apply as requested, second by Commissioner Murtaugh. Motion carried.

Administrator Hutchison presented a request for permission to apply for a grant from JDAI Performance Grant up to \$39,450. Because of the outstanding performance at Cary Home, we are one of the six counties to be recipients of these funds.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to grant permission to apply as requested, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES- SHIRLEY MENNEN**

### **Anthem Renewal**

Director Mennen presented the Anthem renewal for 2018. She said it was a very good year and so there will be no increase for 2018.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Anthem renewal as submitted, second by Commissioner Byers. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-32-CM**

### **Intent to hold Commissioners' Sale for severely delinquent properties**

President Brown said this item will be tabled and moved to the November 6, 2017 meeting.

## **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS ON FILE**

The following reports will be available for public viewing in the Commissioners' office:

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Tippecanoe County Public Library Board

- Central Mail and Duplicating

## PUBLIC COMMENT

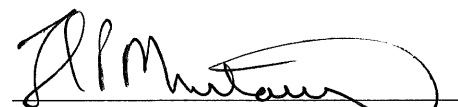
Director Fahey introduced Catherine Schoenherr who will be the Assistant Director for Transportation Planning.

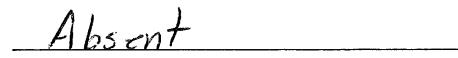
William Baugh and Ken McCammon with Friends of Downtown said they are concerned about the work being done on the dome of the courthouse. He said there are some who would say the statue is Lady Justice, but she is not; she is Lady Liberty or Columbia. If it were Lady Justice, the statue would need a blindfold added. He also said the extensions around the bell tower should come off because they serve no purpose. They also hoped to light the bell itself and they have collected funds to facilitate that. President Brown said there will be better lighting on the bell tower and clock face. He said he was once corrected when he called the statue Lady Liberty and was told she was Lady Justice. Kim said no one really knows what purpose they serve. Commissioner Murtaugh said the painting is based on an original photo from the remodel that took place in the early 1900's. They pulled the color from the color of the windows so it would match. He asked Mr. Baugh if he is concerned about Lady Liberty being confused with Justice because of the scales that were added to the sculpture. Mr. Baugh said he was concerned for that reason and that if it were Justice, she should be blindfolded. Mr. Baugh said every time the dome is painted the bell is also painted. This dulls the volume and tone of the bell's toll.

Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn. President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

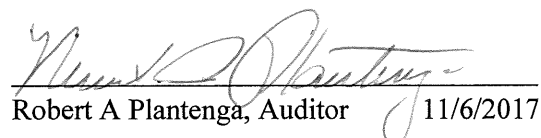
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ATTEST:

  
Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor 11/6/2017